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The CONSERVATION RESERVE of the SOIL BANK for 1959



Ever thought about
making some changes
in your farming ?

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For example, would you like to:

- Scale down your operations so you can handle them with less cost and labor?
- Cut down on surplus crops that face uncertain market conditions?
- Plant a stand of forest trees for timber or for protection from wind and dust?
- Build that farm pond you and your family have been wanting?
- Improve the hunting on your farm with a wildlife shelter or food plot?

You can make improvements like these while helping with needed production adjustments — and continue to live on the farm with income through the

CONSERVATION RESERVE

YOUR COUNTY ASC OFFICE
HAS THE DETAILS

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

THIS IS YOUR 1959 CONSERVATION RESERVE

Here's how it helps you scale down your farming

You designate specific cropland on your farm as Conservation Reserve and agree to withhold it from crop production for a period of up to 10 years and devote it to conservation uses.

You reduce your acreage of harvested crops by this same amount.

In that way, you save the cost in time and labor that would normally go into land preparation, purchase of seed, cultivation, and other costs of production.

You cut your dependence on uncertainty of crops

In return for your contribution to production adjustment, the Government will pay you an annual rental on the acreage placed in the Conservation Reserve. This will assure income from this land for the life of your contract, regardless of weather, crop disease, insect pests, or variations in market prices.

(The Conservation Reserve is the only Soil Bank program available for 1959, and the level of annual payments will be, in many cases, substantially higher than in previous years.)

If you want trees, a pond or wildlife shelter

You can carry out these or other soil, water, forestry or wildlife conservation practices on the land you take out of production and receive

a substantial part of the cost under Government cost-sharing.

You are eligible for the Conservation Reserve

— if you have cropland which is regularly used for cultivated crops or tame hay.

You can put in as much land as you wish

By putting **all** your eligible cropland in the Conservation Reserve you will be able to qualify for a higher annual payment than if you put in only part of your cropland. Even though all your cropland is in the reserve, you may continue to live on the farm and have a home garden.

You select your own conservation practices

From a list of approved Conservation Reserve practices for your county, you select those best suited to your farm land and your type of farming. There are three main groups of approved practices:

Land cover practices, such as planting a permanent cover of grasses or establishing a stand of trees or shrubs.

Water conservation practices, such as dams, pits, or ponds.

Wildlife conservation practices, such as establishing and maintaining wildlife cover and building dams or ponds for fish.



SIGN UP NOW AT YOUR COUNTY ASC OFFICE

THE CONSERVATION RESERVE IN BRIEF

A contract for reduced crop acreage for up to 10 years.

Annual rental payments on the land for the life of the contract.

Conservation practices on reserved land.

Cost-sharing to help with practices.

Here's how you
apply for the program



The Conservation Reserve is a voluntary program. Every farmer makes his own decision on participating.

The first thing to do is visit your County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) Office.

To save time, take along information about the acreage and yield of crops on your farm for the past two years.

Talk over your situation with the ASC Committee. Ask to have maximum Conservation Reserve payment rates established for your farm.

With full information, you can

SEE WHAT THE CONSERVATION RESERVE WILL DO FOR YOU